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Mr. William F. Caton **Acting Secretary** Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

ATTENTION:

STOP CODE 1800D5 Mr. Michael Ruger

Chief, Allocations Branch

Re:

Joint Reply Comments of the University of Southern Colorado and Sangre de Cristo Communications, Inc.

(MM Docket No. 93-191: RM-8088)

Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith are the letters submitted by Mr. Robert M. Isaac, Mayor of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Mr. John Fowler, President of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, in the above-referenced proceeding bearing their original signatures. On September 27, 1993, the University of Southern Colorado and Sangre de Cristo Communications, Inc. filed their Joint Reply Comments in the proceeding. Attachment A of the Joint Reply Comments included copies of the supporting letters written by Messrs. Isaac and Fowler.

If any questions should arise regarding this filing, kindly communicate with this office.

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Mr. William F. Caton Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20554

ATTENTION: Mr. Michael C. Ruger

Chief, Allocations Branch (Stop Code 1800D5)

RE: Amendment of Section 73.606 (b)

(Pueblo, Colorado)

MM Docket No. 93-191 (RM-8088)

Dear Mr. Caton:

As Mayor of the City of Colorado Springs, it is a pleasure to support the proposed channel exchange between the University of Southern Colorado, licensee of noncommercial Station KTSC(TV) and Sangre de Cristo Communications, Inc., licensee of commercial Station KOAA-TV. I am writing to support the channel exchange as originally proposed by the University of Southern Colorado and Sangre de Cristo Communications, Inc. in their Joint Exchange Petition.

The proposed swap would be beneficial to the residents of Colorado Springs and Pueblo because of the significant service benefits received by the two stations involved. The University of Southern Colorado would receive a substantial monetary contribution which will be used to enhance the noncommercial programming offered by Television Station KTSC(TV) and to expand its current network of television translators to the Western Slope of Colorado. Consequently, as a whole, the residents of Colorado Springs, Pueblo and the Western Slope will be better off as a result of the swap.

Also, by virtue of the swap, if approved as proposed in the Joint Exchange Petition, KOAA-TV will be able to relocate its tower and transmitter to a site atop Cheyenne Mountain where the towers of the other area commercial television stations are located. Although licensed to Pueblo, Colorado, KOAA-TV has historically served both Pueblo and Colorado Springs. However, its signal is not as strong as the other network commercial stations. Therefore, if KOAA-TV were to locate its tower and transmitter to Cheyenne Mountain, its NBC network programming would become available to a greater number of Colorado Springs residents.

In light of the service benefits associated with this swap, we believe that the Commission's approval of the channel exchange as presented in the Joint Exchange Petition would be in the public interest. We urge you to take action on the pending Notice of Proposed Rulemaking as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Isaac

Mayor

John D. Fowler

President



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ATT: Mr. Michael Ruger, Chief

Allocations Branch

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter is to support the proposed channel exchange between the University of Southern Colorado, KTSC-TV, a licensed noncommercial television station, and Sangre de Cristo Communications, Inc., commercial station KOAA-TV, as described in their Joint Exchange Petition.

The proposed exchange would provide significant benefit both stations and the communities involved. The proposal involves revenue enhancement to the University of Southern Colorado, which would be used to enhance noncommercial programming and extended coverage in communities throughout southern Colorado. By relocating its tower and transmitter, KOAA-TV would improve its signal in the Colorado Springs area, for the benefit of its viewers.

We encourage the Commission's approval of the channel exchange in the interest of the public, and urge its prompt action on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Sincerely,

JOHN FOWLER